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## Brattleboro Hospital Reports Many Insured At Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting of the Brattleboro Memorial hospital held last week Thursday all the officers were re-elected. They are as follows: E. L. Hildreth, president; C. L. Stickney, vice-president; J. P. Estey, secretary and H. E. Stockwell, treasurer.

During the past year the hospital operated at a profit of \$1,148.54. The number of patients admitted during the year was 2,093 and the average cost per day was \$4.90.

The hospital had a gross income of \$77,612.58. There has been subscribed toward the new building fund the sum of \$37,006.15 from 406 persons. Of this amount \$21,985.15 has already been paid in.

Of much interest was the reported success of the insurance plan providing for medical attention. This year 2147 persons carry such an insurance against 1939 last year. These figures do not include the students of the Northfield Schools who are provided for under a contract. Of those insured 193 are residents of nearby towns.

The income of the Thompson trust fund amounted to practically \$10,000. Miss Celia Brian is the superintendent of the hospital.

Charles S. Warner of Northfield died Wednesday night at the Franklin County hospital after a long illness. The Press has received this information at the time of going to press.

## Ice On Gill Road Skids Auto Down Bank Into Brook

A bad section of icy highway on the Gill road in the hollow near the home of Harry Holton this side of Mount Hermon sent the car of Prof. I. J. Lawrence, traveling north, through the fence and over the bank into the brook. The car was badly damaged as well as an organ which Prof. Lawrence was carrying in the rear of the sedan, and both lay in the water until raised by a crew from a local garage. Prof. Lawrence suffered minor bruises but was otherwise unhurt.

## Have Church Service At Mountain School

From William C. Wilson of Northfield Mountain we are indebted for the information that at the Mountain schoolhouse there has been provided each Sunday afternoon religious services since the first service of Sunday, Nov. 28. Mr. Wilson is the church clerk and the organization is to be known as the Dwight L. Moody Memorial Church. Rev. H. B. Ingalls of the seminary will act in a pastoral capacity and in his first sermon exhorted all to follow the virtues of the famous evangelist whose name the church bears.

There has been a long felt want for a community church on the mountain to develop one's own religious life and provide religious training for the children. The personal interest of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Field have enabled us to provide the church and arrange the facilities. They have generously provided an organ and the Northfield hotel and George N. Kidder have furnished seats for the congregation.

The second service the Sunday following was addressed by J. G. Johnson who preached a most inspiring sermon. A Bible school has been organized and Mr. Ingalls has the assistance of B. Poushal and Tom Walsh of Mt. Hermon school.

On Christmas eve an observance of the holiday was arranged with a Christmas tree and toys and candy for the children. A social time followed and refreshments were served to all. The church will gather each Sunday at three o'clock for worship. Visitors will always be welcomed.

## Honor Pupils

From Pine street school, Esther M. Williams, principal, comes the honor roll of the pupils of the school at the end of the last term. Grade 4, Edwin Finch, Russell Roberts, Virginia Steadler, Kenneth Walker, Richard Huber, Grade 5, Marion Allen, Arline Finch, Kay Moody, Grade 6, Lucetta Marshall, Grade 7, Mary Allen, Marjorie Lanphear, Grade 8, Willis Huber, Barbara Hunt, Ruth Rikert.

## Well Known Man Is Chosen A Director Of Tax Federation

Chosen to represent this district, John W. Smead, president of the First National Bank and Trust Co., of Greenfield with a branch in Northfield becomes a director of the Massachusetts Taxpayers' Federation which has been doing some effective work in behalf of the taxpayers.



John W. Smead

of the state at Boston. Mr. Smead is a director of the Greenfield Taxpayers' association and has been interested in the problem of ever increasing taxes for a long time. His appointment meets with universal satisfaction.

Mr. Smead is a well known banker. He began his career at the age of 16 in the same bank which he now serves. In 1907, then resident in the west he organized the First National Bank of Mullan, Idaho, and became its first cashier. In 1908 to 1917 Mr. Smead moved to Spokane, Wash., where he engaged in the real estate and mortgage business. He returned to Greenfield in 1918 to become vice-president of the Greenfield bank and later was chosen its president. His term of office has been marked by an unusual degree of progress for the bank and the erection of its fine building.

Mr. Smead will render a valuable service to the taxpayers of the state in the Federation of which he now is a director.

## Rainfall Plenty During Last Year

Measuring the rainfall of last year proves that it has smashed a record for a quarter of a century with a total of over 54 inches. The month of May 1937 was the wettest with 7.32 inches while July had only 1.63 inches. Month-by-month record was as follows: January, 5.26 inches; February, 2.51; March, 3.87; April, 5.17; May, 7.32; June, 6.45; July, 1.63; August, 3.26; September, 5.19; October, 4.99; November, 6.02; and December, 2.84.

## Moonlight Excursion

It's something new but will be tried out. Sunday evening will be a moonlight night and the Boston & Maine railroad will run a moonlight ski train from Springfield up the valley to Brattleboro. Leaving Springfield at 6 p. m. it will arrive in Brattleboro at 7:30 and be welcomed by ski enthusiasts who will escort the excursionists to the ski retreat for an evening of sport. The train leaves Brattleboro at 10:30. Stops will be made at all stations and it is expected that several will leave the train at East Northfield and spend the time here.

## In Probate Court

Two divorces granted in Probate court at its sitting January 4th are of interest here. The divorce granted to Harry L. Ginnass as announced in last week's Press and the divorce granted to Mary E. Wright from Warren E. Wright with custody of children and provision for their support. Accounts were allowed on the estates of the late Nellie M. Chamberlin of Northfield.

## Streeter Chairman

The County Commissioners held their meeting for organization for the ensuing year at the court house Monday. The members are Samuel U. Streeter of Greenfield, Carlos Allen of Deerfield and A. C. Burnham of Montague City. Mr. Streeter was chosen chairman. The annual report of the 1937 was concluded.

On Tuesday, Jan. 18, there is to be a dinner party in the Hermon recreation hall for the faculty of both schools.

## Hermon - Seminary Find Winter Sports Are Very Popular

Snow sports are popular this winter for the 1100 students of Mt. Hermon school for boys and Northfield seminary for girls. Marston Burnett of Great Barrington, ski coach, is teaching ski technique to 100 Hermon students, some of whom never saw snow until they came here to school; and to the same number of girls, who on certain afternoons can be seen vigorously waxing a new pair of skis.

New ski trails built under Burnett's supervision for the Northfield hotel and for the use of the students are testing the ability of experienced skiers. A new half-mile trail with a 400-foot drop is particularly adapted to the slalom and is becoming popular. A three-mile cross-country trail at Mt. Hermon winds through woods and fields, up and down hills, all of which are adjacent to the campus. A ski jump has been built on the Chapel Hill.

Meets have been arranged between Mt. Hermon and Vermont Academy, Mt. Hermon and Putney school, and a number of Hermonites will ski in the Eaglebrook school carnival. The annual Mt. Hermon winter carnival will be held here on Founder's Day which will be observed on February 4.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

The town caucus for the nomination of officers to be presented for election at the town meeting date will be held Friday evening, Jan. 21, at 7:30 o'clock at the town hall.

The annual meeting of the voters of the town will be held in the town hall on Monday, Feb. 7, to receive the various reports and act thereon and to consider various appropriations for the ensuing year.

All articles intended for the warrant must be filed with the Selectmen not later than next Monday noon, Jan. 17.

The Registrars will sit tomorrow (Saturday) at the town hall from 7 to 9 o'clock, and again on Wednesday, Jan. 26 from 12 noon to 10 o'clock in the evening.

## Grange Installs

The newly elected officers of Northfield Grange were installed Tuesday evening by Past Master of Connecticut Valley Pomona Grange, Raymond F. Cowan, assisted by Lewis N. Smead, Past Master, as Chaplain, Mrs. R. F. Cowan as marshal, all of Greenfield, also Mrs. Mark Wright as regalia bearer and Miss Ethel Miller as emblem bearer. The following were the officers installed:

Master, Mark Wright; overseer, Clayton Miller; lecturer, Mrs. Gertrude Gibson; steward, Robert Follam; assistant steward, Kenneth Miller; chaplain, Mrs. Marion Wright; treasurer, Arthur Farnum; secretary, Mrs. Mattie Farnum; gate keeper, Robert Miller; Ceres, Mrs. Dorothy Ferris; Pomona, Ruth Wright; Flora, Blanche Edson; lady ass't steward, Mrs. Ruth Holton; pianist, Mrs. Dorothy Miller. Executive committee, L. O. Clapp and Edward Bolton.

After the officers were seated Worthy Master Mark Wright called upon the installing officer Past Master R. F. Cowan and Past Masters L. N. Smead and Edward C. Bolton an dthe Master of the Pomona, Aubrey C. Reid, for remarks.

At the business session preceding the installation, reports were made of the State Grange sessions held recently at Worcester and also the Lecturer's report for the past six months.

Collection baskets were presented to the Grange by the Lecturer and her mother, Mrs. C. I. Holton. The Grange gave them a rising vote of thanks.

A rising vote of thanks was also given to Joseph Colton for his contribution which finished paying for the Grange fire insurance.

After the installation a bountiful supper was served. The supper committee consisted of Mrs. Edward Morse, Mrs. Gertrude Gibson and Mrs. Hattie Durant.

Albert E. Roberts addressed the Fireside club of the Second Congregational church of Greenfield last Sunday evening.

## Speaks Of India At Brotherhood On Tuesday Evening

Characterized by an associate as "the greatest living district missionary under the American Board today," Dr. Edward Fairbank of Vadala, India, brings a message interpreting the work and the people of the Marathi area. He will speak Tuesday evening, Jan. 18, in the North-



Dr. Edward Fairbank

field Congregational church before the Men's Brotherhood.

When Dr. Fairbank first reached India there was an absence of any suitable books to enable a student to start learning the Marathi language. With the ability and initiative which has characterized all his years of service, Dr. Fairbank determined to remedy that lack by writing a textbook himself! He did—the result being "A Start in Marathi," said by language critics there to be the best of its kind ever written.

As a District Superintendent, Dr. Fairbank has had to touch all kinds of work. From the opening of the Vadala district it has been supervised by a Fairbank. His father and grandfather before him worked there in Kodakana. Being a rural section Dr. Fairbank has guided the agricultural and village reconstruction work and seen it develop under the leadership of his son, Robert V. Fairbank.

His efforts have been by no means restricted to the Christian community. Hindus, Christians and Moslems alike claim Dr. Fairbank as their friend. He has encouraged the growth and self support of Indian churches in Vadala.

Administrative ability linked to sympathy, friendliness and an apparently untiring body and spirit have made Dr. Fairbank successful in his difficult task of district work.

When the Fairbanks left India recently they were given dozens of farewell receptions and many gifts. The Marathi Language school through which some 1,000 missionaries have passed since its founding in 1913 using Dr. Fairbank's book, gave him a special edition signed by all past and present members of the school who could be reached.

Amherst college can claim Dr. Fairbank as a son and he took special work at Yale Divinity school and Andover seminary. He is a forceful speaker and one whom the churches will want to hear.

Dr. Fairbank is at present a resident of Northfield and occupies one of the cottages of the Spring Gardens on Main street.

## You Are Invited To Symphony Concert

In Stockbridge hall of Mass. State college at Amherst on Sunday evening at eight o'clock, January 16, the Springfield Symphony orchestra will appear in a concert open to the public with no admission charge and all who appreciate such music are cordially invited to attend.

A special feature of this concert will be a performance of a work by Aurelio Gionni of the Music faculty of Smith college. Mr. Gionni is known throughout the United States as soloist, as the pianist of the famous Elshuco Trio, as a composer of note, and as teacher of many distinguished students, both in piano and composition. He studied piano with such masters as Scambati, Busoni, Gabrilowitsch, Lhevinne and Da Motta, and composition with Scambati and Humperdinck. He will be represented on this program by a Minuet in Early Romantic style, composed in 1928 for the Schubert centenary.

## Northfield Nat'l Bank Ends Legal Career; Charter Is Returned

The Northfield National bank has ended its legal existence with the final dividend having been voted by its directors and paid to the stockholders. The final report of the liquidating agent, the First National Bank and Trust Co., of Greenfield has been filed with the Comptroller of the Currency and President William F. Hoehn has surrendered the charter with directors Frank W. Williams, Charles C. Stearns and Dr. Richard G. Holton concurring.

The affairs of the Northfield National bank was taken over by the First National Bank and Trust Co., as liquidating agent on Nov. 1, 1934 and its business merged with that bank in a notice sent to all depositors. On the date of the merging the Northfield bank had assets of \$184,054.02 and liabilities of the same amount in capital stock, reserves, deposits, cashiers and certified checks, saving accounts and a surplus of \$908.23. The bank was located in the town hall building and Warren O. Weir was its last cashier.

It was organized in December, 1927 with a capital of \$25,000 and charter No. 13172 was granted to it by Washington. It began business March 1, 1928 with William F. Hoehn, president; Elliott Speer, vice-president, who served also as directors with Frank W. Williams, Clarence P. Buffum and Charles C. Stearns. Merwin D. Birdsall was its first cashier. Later Dr. Allen H. Wright, Dr. Richard G. Holton and J. F. Blittinger were added to the board.

With a successful career before it, the control of the bank was bought by the Western Massachusetts Banking associates who had also purchased heavily the stock of the First National Bank and Trust Co. of Greenfield and the Crocker National Bank of Turners Falls. With the dissolution of the holding company its stock reverted to the First National Bank and Trust Co. of Greenfield, which again started upon an independent basis and merged the Northfield and Turners Falls banks with it. The Northfield bank weathered the "bank closing" edict but shortly after, the business outlook appeared dubious and it was felt that since the earning capacity of the bank would be limited, it would be better to merge with a strong bank.

To President Smead and Cashier Alvord of the First National must be given much credit for a guiding hand of the Northfield National bank.

"Finis" is now written.

## Capt. Wm. Marshall Is Campus Officer At The Seminary

The management of the Northfield seminary has recently appointed Capt. William M. Marshall, former commanding officer of the 1159th Co. CCC, Greenfield, to the position of Campus Officer. Capt. Marshall patrols the campus nightly in a cruising car, and those on the regular



Capt. William Marshall

staff of night watchmen are directly responsible to him.

During the war he was a lieutenant in the U. S. Regular Army, and he was connected with the CCC from 1935 until 1937. His company was highly commended for its relief work during the 1936 flood, and rebuilt the flood-washed road west of Schell bridge.

Captain and Mrs. Marshall are now making their home in East Northfield and their four children are attending the Northfield schools.

## First Ski Train

The first ski train to pass thru Northfield going north this winter will run, weather conditions satisfactory for the excursion, from Bridgeport and New Haven to Brattleboro on Sunday next the 16th over the N. Y. N. H. & H. railroad and the B. & M. Stops will be made both ways at the East Northfield station. The train will pass about noon and about six o'clock on the return trip. Other dates for snow trains fixed are Jan. 30, Feb. 13 and 27. On Sunday, Feb. 20, the Central Vermont will run a snow train excursion to Brattleboro from New London, stopping at all stations enroute, both ways. The excursion on this date is in connection with the ski meet at Brattleboro.

## Claimants Here Unemployed Seek Promised Benefits

Recently requests were received from the unemployed of the county through registration for unemployment compensation benefits and the total of 1011 such were enrolled in this district. Only 128 in 21 towns were received while Greenfield piled up 548 and Montague with 335. Eight persons from Northfield applied while Gill had nine.

Other towns as follows: Deerfield, 36; Sunderland, 21; Shelburne Falls, 16; Charlemont, 15; Ashfield, 7; Colrain, 6; Leverett, 4; Conway, 3; Whately, 3. Three county towns, Orange, Warwick and New Salem register in Athol.

The merits of these will be thoroughly investigated as to whether the unemployment is actual or voluntary. Those having charge of the matter find themselves confronted with some real problems which may take time to solve before compensation can be realized.

## The County Hospital Extends Its Service

Full and equal benefits for dependants in family groups under the newly organized Associated Hospital Service or insurance plan will be given by the Franklin County hospital which has united in the plan now offered by most of the large hospitals in this state.

The rates for this service or insurance as it might be termed is \$18 yearly for husband and wife and \$24 for families with full benefits for husband, wife and all unmarried children under 19 years of age. The individual rate is \$10 annually.

Since the plan was inaugurated in this state, on Sept. 10, 1937, 10,000 subscribers have been enrolled, 101 of that number have been hospitalized and 101 member hospitals have been contracted, according to R. H. Cahalane, executive director.

Hospital benefits under this plan include 21 days of semi-private care in any member hospital, use of operating and maternity delivery rooms, anesthesia, routine medications, dressings, general nursing, routine laboratory and pathological service, basal metabolism tests and blood chemistry, when ordered by the attending physician. Maternity care is available only after the subscriber has been enrolled for 11 consecutive months.

## Heard Fine Talk; Women Get Roses

A large attendance marked the meeting of the Fortnightly last Friday afternoon when Aubrey Butler of Northampton, a grower and authority on roses, spoke on "Roses and Gardenias," illustrating his talk with pictures and imparting some most valuable information regarding the growing and care of roses. He made a display of perhaps the most beautiful collection of roses ever seen in Northfield at any one time and at the close of the meeting, he presented one of the fine blooms to the women present. Members of the Garden club were guests of the Fortnightly. There was a music program consisting of singing and dancing by a group of children. Mrs. William A. Barr was the hostess of the meeting.

## C. V. Railroad Cuts Out Two Trains

Central Vermont passenger trains, No. 2 and 3, have been discontinued for lack of patronage. These trains ran between Brattleboro and New London and made stops at both the East Northfield and the Northfield stations. The ruling was effective last Monday. The southbound train passed through here about 7:30 a. m. and northward at shortly after 6 a. m. This train consisted of a motor car and it will continue in operation on the line between Palmer and New London. Northfield will not be seriously inconvenienced by the discontinuance.

## Gets Jail Sentence

In District Court in Greenfield Monday, Hector F. Walllett again appears in the limelight. Well known here as a former resident on Warwick avenue, he moved to Greenfield and for some time has been at a veterans' camp in Tucson, Ariz. Recently he returned to Greenfield. He was accused of annoying a woman while attending a theatre in Greenfield and of repeating the offense and as a result was arrested and given six months sentence in the house of correction.



The Northfield National Bank on its opening day, March 1, 1928, with its Directors present as well as some of the stockholders. It occupied the front room (north) in the town hall. The flowers were the floral tributes of other banks.

## Seminary Preachers

Ministers who will speak at Northfield seminary during the remainder of January include: the school chaplain, Rev. Harold B. Ingalls, who will conduct the morning service next Sunday, and the Rev. John B. Whiteman of the St. James church in Greenfield who will speak at vesper.

On Jan. 23 Dr. Paul D. Moody, president of Middlebury college, will speak at the morning service and an hour of piano music will take the place of vesper. Both services on January 30 will be led by the Rev. A. Graham Baldwin of Phillips Academy, Andover.

Dr. Ray Freeman Jenney of Syracuse was the speaker last Sunday. Services are held at 11 a. m. and 5 p. m. in Silverthorne hall.

Next Monday, Jan. 17, marks the last day when the selectmen will receive articles intended to come before the voters in the warrant at the town meeting.

## Holds Outing Here

The Bancroft School for boys and girls of Worcester, is holding an outing at the Northfield hotel this week-end.

It is expected that a group of approximately sixty will be present. Accompanying them will be members of the faculty: William G. Keck, and John Williams, with Miss E. Pike and Mrs. Hagerman, chaperons for the young ladies.

The hotel management has arranged to entertain these young people with all manner of winter sports including skiing, tobogganing, sledding, snowshoeing, and skating, and after a day of invigorating sport, they are free to roam the hotel where they will find indoor games at their disposal.

Don't forget that the Board of Registrars will sit at the town hall tomorrow (Saturday) from 7 to 9 o'clock in the evening to receive new registrations for voting.



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## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. John Jurkowski of Main street announce the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn, to Walter Sadlowski, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sadlowski of Pittsfield. The wedding date has not been set.

William Ross son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ross, has joined the U. S. Marines and is now located in Washington with his company.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Warner of Wayne, Pa., arrived here by auto Monday to be at the home of his mother, Mrs. Charles Warner, during her severe illness. Mr. Warner's father is at the Franklin County hospital for treatment.

Percy Goodspeed was confined to his home the first of the week with a severe cold.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Schmadeke will be pleased to learn that they will spend the remainder of the winter at Coconut Grove, Fla., where they will be close neighbors of Dr. and Mrs. A. N. Thompson.

Mrs. William J. McRoberts is now in Florida at New Smyrna where she will remain for the rest of the winter season but expects to get to Northfield early in the spring to open up her summer home. She reports the weather as most delightful.

The total kill of deer during the past open season was 2623 according to reports received by the state division of fisheries and game. This compares with 2009 during the 1936 open week and is one of the highest totals in the division's history.

## SOUTH VERNON

South Vernon church, Rev. George A. Gray, pastor. Sunday, 10:45, morning worship; 12:15, church school; 7:00, song service followed by sermon. Mid-week meeting, Vernon Home, on Thursday evening, 7 o'clock.

Mrs. Nellie Stockwell is improving at the Vernon Home after her recent fall.

A card party will be held at the South school next Tuesday evening.

Theron Calvin Stoddard, born in Vernon, April 30, 1859, died at his home in West Brattleboro last Friday morning at the age of 78 years. He has been in failing health for the past two years and was recently seriously ill. Some years ago he engaged in farming in West Northfield and other places but removed to Brattleboro in 1919. Surviving are his wife, Eva M. Johnson Stoddard whom he married in 1892 and who also has been in poor health for some time, one daughter, Mrs. Lelia Lackey and one son, Lyle H. Stoddard, and a grandson, Thayer L. Lackey.

Mr. Stoddard's parents were John and Jane (Fairman) Stoddard of Vernon and they had three sons, all of whom have now passed.

The funeral services were held last Sunday afternoon at the Mitchell funeral home with Rev. Donald B. Hoyt officiating and burial was in the Hubbard cemetery in Vernon. There was a profusion of beautiful flowers. A large number of Vernon and So. Vernon friends attended the services. Mr. Stoddard was a man of fine character and highly esteemed by all. His family have the deepest sympathy of all.

## CHURCH SERVICES

Trinitarian Church  
Rev. W. Stanley Carne

Sunday school at 10; Preaching service at 11, when the choir will sing "Lamb of God" also "There Is A Land Beyond the Setting Sun". The sermon subject will be "Holiness to the Lord." Sunday school at the Farms, 2:30; Senior Endeavor, 7, leader, Mr. Russell Roberts; At 7:30, Mr. Fletcher (the blind evangelist) will speak at the Farms; at 8, preaching service in the vestry.

Tuesday at 3, the Mrs. L. R. Smith Bible class with Mrs. Colton; leader, Mrs. Giebel. At 6:30 the monthly Brotherhood supper. Address by Rev. Edward Fairbank on the subject, "The Reform of India."

Wednesday, the Bible Conference at Bernardston.

Thursday at 7:30, weekly prayer service, followed by the choir rehearsal.

Friday at 7:30, Evening Auxiliary at the home of Mrs. G. Norton. Subject, "The Greeting Power of Islam." Leaders, Misses Carrie J. Cook and Sophie Ser-vaes.

Friday and Saturday evenings of this week Mr. Fletcher will speak at the Farms.

## South Church

Rev. Mary Andrews Conner

Sunday, 9:45, church school; 10:45, church worship. The service thought will grow out of the question, "Was It Jesus or the Woman of Samaria at Jacob's Well who had nothing to draw water with?"

## St. Patrick's Church

Rev. James I. Mitchell

Masses, first Sunday of the month 8:30 a. m. Every Sunday, 10:30 a. m.

## At The Farms

Thomas Fletcher, of Worcester, who has been conducting a series of meetings in North Leverett, will speak at 7:30 p. m., Friday evening at Union hall, Northfield Farms, and Sunday at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. He will bring his musical instruments along. Everybody invited to these services.

## Gordon Chickering

The death occurred Monday night of Gordon O. Chickering at the Franklin County hospital after a brief illness, although he had been in poor health for the past two years. He was born in West Chesterfield, N. H., June 11, 1903 and attended schools there. He went to Greenfield in 1920 to work at the Mansion House and for several years had been chef there. He was well liked by his friends and associates. Surviving are his mother, Mrs. E. L. Morse of Northfield and two brothers, Earl Chickering of Miami, Fla., and Morton Chickering of Keene. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at Kidder's funeral parlors with Rev. W. Stanley Carne officiating and burial was in the family plot at the West Chesterfield cemetery.

Dr. Harriett Hardy was a speaker before the Mothers' club of the Baptist church in Greenfield Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Ruth Holton of West Northfield is teaching at the South school in South Vernon, substituting in place of Mrs. Roy Dunfee who has been transferred to the North school.

## BIRTH OF A SONG



FROM Boston with his fiddle under his arm and high hopes of a musical career—to a Colorado honky-tonk.



Restlessly moving from town to town, Billy organized one of his first jazz bands in the West. His music was appreciated when the round-up began.



Billy Hill, watching the cowboys at their hard task, decided that music was still his forte—



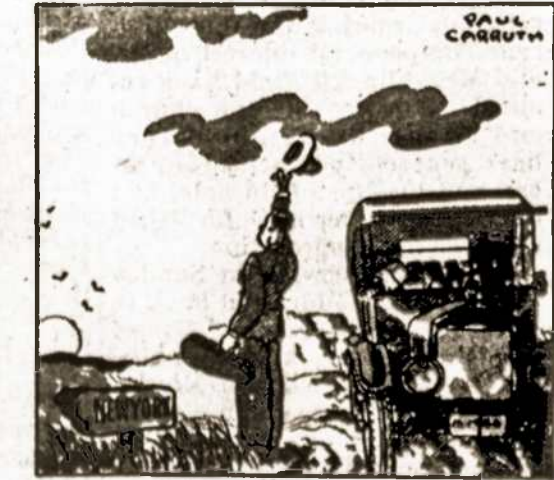
Created by canyons of brick and steel, Billy looked in vain for the heart of the city.



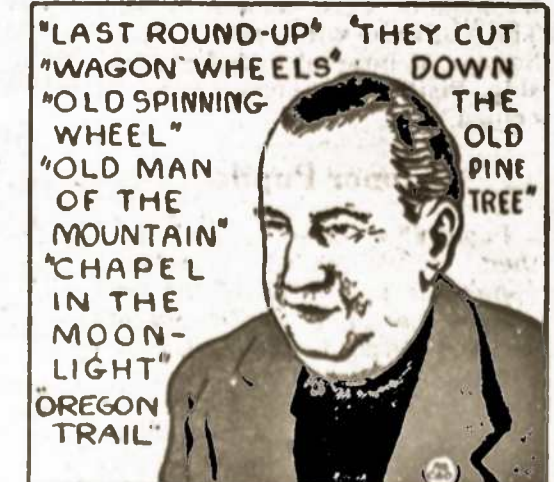
In Greenwich Village where artists create and starve, Billy wrote the "Last Round-Up" to pay his gas bill, butcher and his landlord.



No publisher would buy a song about "dogies", even at twenty-five dollars. Billy, however, finally found a sympathetic firm, which bought the song for a cash advance against royalties.



and left to seek his fortune anew in New York; but the plains were in his blood.



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But if a feller you know, and have seen before, if he has a bank, and he asks folks to put their money there for safe keeping and interest, it is not exciting enough.

And a person with some commonsense idea about business, he don't get to first base with his ideas. He don't even get up to bat. He is an old fogey, and we don't want him around.

But if some duck comes along with something cracked, but new, and he says, boys, I have here what the country needs, we give him 3 cheers. And the gent pulls out a vial—a new elixir—that will cure everything.

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### Our Senator Lodge Has Acrobatic Tilt

A good story comes from Washington, D. C. concerning our good friend and Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, which his constituency will be sure to enjoy. It is seldom that constituencies get some inside story of the activities of their repre-



Senator Henry Cabot Lodge

sentatives, but this one got through. We know all about it and the Senator will not need to do any explaining when we greet him the next time. The story is this:

Although the Vice-President is the President of the Senate, he frequently calls upon Senators to preside and one day last week when the anti-lynching bill was being considered Senator Lodge found himself in the chair as the presiding officer. The speaker on the floor was Senator Reynolds of North Carolina who was talking against the bill although in a rambling manner to, consume time. As he was proceeding on a diversion of matters, the genial Senator Lodge leaned back in his chair, apparently to take it easy, when lo over backward it went, bringing the presiding officer of the Senate (Lodge) to the floor. On gaining his composure in the chair, Senator Reynolds paused in his talk long enough to say, "I'm sorry if I have disturbed the gentleman," to which Senator Lodge quickly replied, "the gentleman should not be so eloquent."

Well, Senator, your experience is nothing new anyway, for we have all had a fall, only some of us could not rebound so gracefully.

### Gives Scholarship

According to a news item from New York, Miss Annie Miller of 1 West 79th St., who died Jan. 3, and whose will was filed for probate this week leaves a bequest of \$15,000 to the Northfield Schools to establish the "Alexander Miller Scholarship."

### A Thought For Today

Praying is the clearing of the blocked roads which are crowded with all sorts of worldly hindrances. It is the preparing of the way of the Lord. When I turn to the Lord in prayer I open the doors and windows of my soul toward the heavenlies, and I open them for the reception of any gifts of grace which God's holy love may wish me to receive. My reverent thought and prayer perfects communion between my soul and God.

—J. H. Jowett

### SECRET THOUGHTS

I hold it true that thoughts are things  
Endowed with bodies, breath, and wings,  
And that we send them forth to fill  
The world with good results—or ill.  
That which we call our secret thought  
Speeds to the earth's remotest spot,  
And leaves its blessings or its woes  
Like tracks behind it as it goes.  
It is God's law. Remember it  
In your still chamber as you sit  
With thoughts you would not dare have known,  
And yet make comrades when alone.  
These thoughts have life; and they will fly  
And leave their impress by-and-by,  
Like some marsh breeze, whose poisoned breath  
Breathes into homes its fevered breath.  
And after you have quite forgot  
Or all outgrown some vanished thought,  
Back to your mind to make its home,  
A dove or raven, it will come.  
Then let your secret thoughts be fair;  
They have a vital part and share  
In shaping worlds and molding fate—  
God's system is so intricate.  
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox

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### LOCALS

Northfield's Young People's social club will hold its regular meeting at the Youth Hostel next Monday evening from 7:30 to 10 o'clock.

Next Sunday at Mt. Hermon Memorial chapel, Dr. Thomas S. Ray, pastor of the First Baptist church of Worcester will be the speaker both morning and afternoon.

Rev. Edward Fairbanks of Main street was the guest speaker at the gathering of the Women's societies of the Second Congregational church in Greenfield Wednesday evening.

The very smooth and icy condition of the roads after the heavy rain of last Friday morning made motoring exceedingly dangerous. The highways were sanded as soon as possible but many accidents were reported of skidding. One car was badly damaged on the Winchester Rd. on Manning hill and another at the corner of Main and Pine streets in contact with a truck.

The illustration of Mr. Smeed, President of the First National Bank and Trust Co., of Greenfield, used in this issue is from *Tastak*, the organ of the Massachusetts Federation of Taxpayers' associations.

Relatives and friends had hoped to hear a radio address from Tokio, Japan from Russell Durgin last Sunday afternoon on short wave but so far as known no one was able to make the connection. Mr. and Mrs. Durgin are expecting to leave Japan in the early spring for a visit here with Mrs. Durgin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence H. Lazelle.

The next scheduled meeting of the Northfield will be Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Jan. 21, at Alexander hall when Mrs. Aida Heine will speak on Iceland, illustrated with pictures. Tea will be served and Mrs. Rose Kendrick will be the hostess.

There will be an interchange of hospitality between Mt. Hermon and the Seminary Saturday evening when the Senior boys will be entertained at Northfield and the junior girls will enjoy a party at Hermon.

Congratulations to Caryl N. George who has just been chosen as president of the Vermont Securities Co., in Brattleboro, a most efficient organization to advise with regarding the purchase or sale of one's investments.

A number from Northfield will attend the Elsie Lambert Murphy Memorial dedication dinner at Winchester Monday evening. A most interesting program is promised as several Governors will be present.

Last Monday night was considered by many to have been the coldest thus far this winter. The thermometers fell below the zero mark. Tuesday morning the air was filled with heavy frost and the trees had a dazzling effect.

The American Guernsey Cattle club with headquarters at Peterborough, N. H., reports the sale of registered purebred Guernsey cow, Maydays Pansy Maid 531-341 by the Northfield Hotel Co., to Myron E. Barber of Bernardston.

The national banks have had their elections and John W. Smead has been re-elected president of the First National Bank and Trust Co., of Greenfield, and John W. Haigis of the Franklin County Trust.

Plagiarism is in the air when it comes to news-gathering and it is surprising to find in other papers entering and distributed in Northfield how much news is appropriated from the *Press*, especially after its appearance on the day of publication.

An ultra-modern story of a four-sided romance, "Man Proof" opens Sunday at the Auditorium Theatre, Brattleboro, with a stellar cast headed by Myrna Loy, Franchot Tone, Rosalind Russell and Walter Pidgeon.

The fire department was called out Monday afternoon about six o'clock for a chimney fire at the Wozniak home in West Northfield. No serious damage resulted from the fire which burned itself out.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Roberts of Highland avenue will leave the last of the month for a trip to the Pacific coast visiting many of the Northfield clubs in the large cities as a representative of the Northfield schools.



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The Northfield post office was visited by an inspector Wednesday who gave Postmaster Quinlan a high percentage for efficiency.

Mrs. Fred A. Holton of Highland avenue who has been at the Baptist hospital in Boston for treatment has returned home and is much improved.

Carl, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Howard who accidentally injured his eye has been returned home from the hospital where he received treatment.

That former letter carrier in Athol, Henry D. Mason, who interfered with the delivery of mail received a suspended sentence of six months owing to the

fact that he was making a restitution.

The Bernardston Congregational church will observe its 200th anniversary next year and a committee has been appointed to secure all historical data and arrange for the observance of the event.

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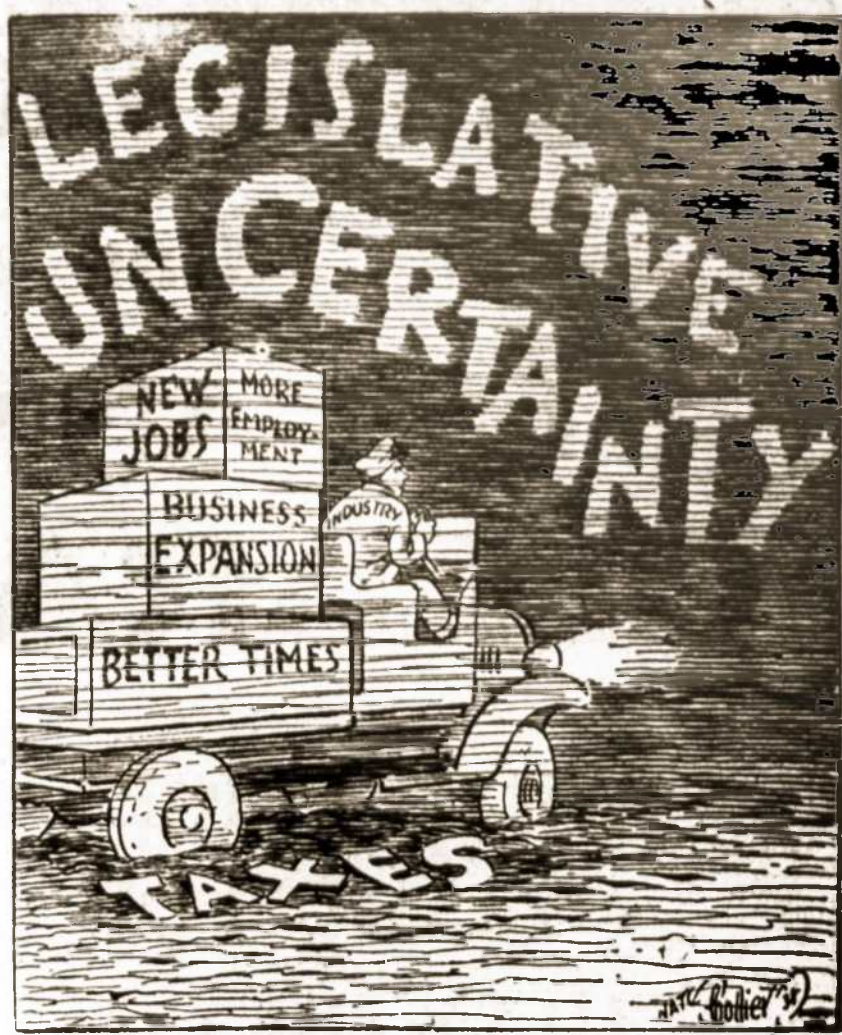
## EDITORIAL

The greatest need of the time is actual co-operation by government with industry, which is the sole source of productive employment, investment, spending power and taxation. The first step Congress should take, if it is honestly interested in real national recovery, is to revise those two "taxes without a friend" which have done so much to kill business and investment—the undistributed profits tax and the capital gains tax.

Neither of these taxes is an important revenue producer. They actually tend to reduce tax revenues, because of their depressive effect on industrial activity. There is a remarkable unanimity of opinion among informed persons as to their dangers. Business men, large and small, are solidly opposed to them. Outstanding economists can find nothing to say in their favor. The nation's principal newspapers, of all political affiliations, are requesting that they be drastically changed. And a large number of public officials, of both parties, have gone on record in favor of revision or outright repeal, in order to encourage a revival of business activity.

Our neighboring town, over the line, of Winchester is to be congratulated in the completion of its new community building and its dedication with appropriate ceremonies throughout all of next week. Here the activities for young and old will center, organizations will find a place for their meetings, recreation and education will go hand in hand to provide for a better and richer life. In the community building will be undertaken that which will make for character. It will have someone in charge

## LIFT THE FOG!



all the time, open at regular hours and with leaders to properly supervise. Those who desire to avail themselves of its privileges will be asked to secure a membership card at a reasonable fee and share in the responsibility of its care and maintenance. What an opportunity comes to Winchester. We congratulate them. Would that some community center might be secured in Northfield where with sufficient support and hearty co-operation it might be the mecca for all social purposes.

It is quite likely that at the town meeting this year two important matters will come up for consideration and action. The first matter of importance will be regarding the situation relating to Alexander hall located in the high school building. There is an investment of \$4,000 in the high school which properly belongs to some disposition by the Women's Alexander hall committee as well as the brick house on the adjoining lot. It will be hard to unscramble the proposition as it now stands and cannot be settled in an open meeting without some definite plan which would be approved by the Probate court which sanctioned the present arrangement. It might be well to name a committee to go thoroughly into the matter and

present a solution that can be acted upon. Another matter is that of the use of the town hall. Some organizations see in the situation an opportunity to secure it for general use of our citizens for recreational purposes. There is no doubt but that the town hall and particularly the basement floor could not be used more and for worthy purposes, but its use should not be extended unless there was given to the selectmen discretionary powers and the "recreational activity" properly supervised by responsible parties. In any action taken the town must guard itself against any possible "tracket" being worked at the expense of the taxpayers' money. Worthy purposes should be given encouragement.

## At The Victoria

Friday and Saturday, January 14 and 15 on our stage, 7 acts of vodvil—sure to please. On the screen, "As Good As Married" with Doris Nolan and John Boles.

Beginning Sunday, Jan. 16 and continuing for three days, "San Quentin" with Pat O'Brien, Humphrey Bogart and Ann Sheridan. Co-feature is "Sand Flow" with Buck Jones. Sunday matinee introduces the new serial "Flash Gordon". Always a good show at the Victoria.

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Sally Eilers - Neil Hamilton  
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"SHE LOVED A FIREMAN"  
Dick Foran - Ann Sheridan  
Buck Jones in  
"LAW FOR TOMBSTONE"

Fri. - Sat. Jan. 14 - 15  
"NAVY BLUE and GOLD"  
Robt Young - James Stewart  
Tom Brown - Florence Rice  
News - Cartoon - Travelog

Sun. - Mon. - Tues. - Wed.  
Jan. 16 - 17 - 18 - 19  
Myrna Loy - Franchot Tone  
"MAN PROOF"  
News - Musical - Oddity

Thur. - Fri. - Sat. Jan. 20-21-22  
"THE ROAD BACK"  
John King - Slim Summerville  
Richard Cromwell  
Andy Devine  
News - Selected Shorts

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mrs. R. H. Domey of St. Albans, Vt., has established a record in hiking with her husband last fall in traversing 270 miles of the Green Mountain trail to the Massachusetts line and return. They made the pilgrimage in twenty days and stopped at the various shelters enroute. Mrs. Domey is the mother of six children and a grandmother of two.

Church folks in Pittsfield of the congregation of the First Congregational church began the new year with a sunrise prayer meeting. It was the 122nd annual New Year's event. It was well attended and in always held regardless of weather conditions. The first meeting in 1816 was held with the thermometer indicating twenty below zero.

The farmer cuts his own profit when he cuts small trees, according to Robert B. Parmenter, extension forester at M. S. C. Mr. Parmenter said that it does not pay to cut white pine trees less than 10 inches in diameter. Recent surveys show a profit of 69 cents on a run of 1000 feet of white pine logs 10 inches in diameter, while the profit on logs of 20-inch diameter was \$3.53 a thousand.

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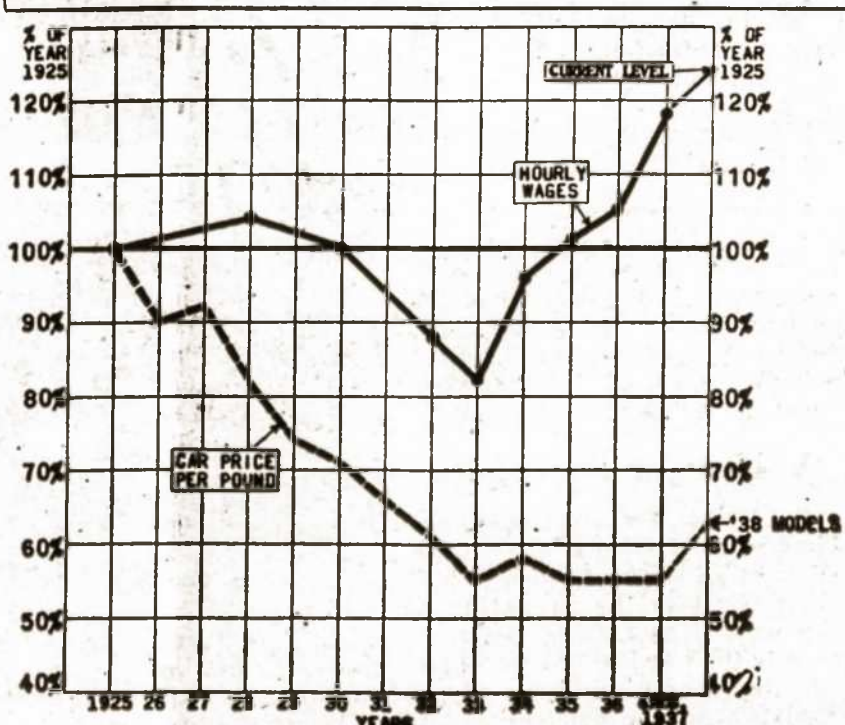
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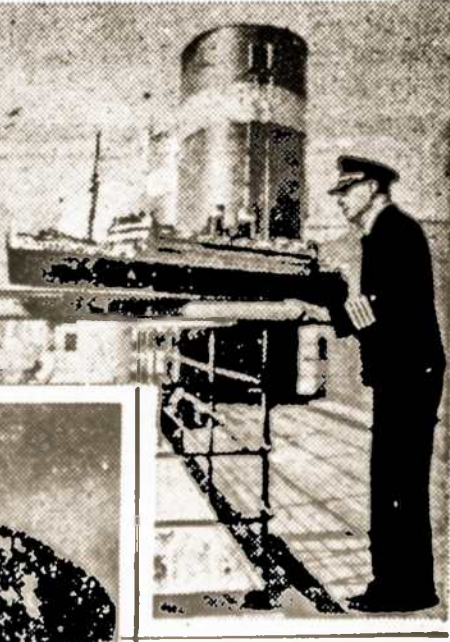
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the liner Pennsylvania,  
inspects five-foot  
model of his ship  
made by a Cuban mes-  
senger boy. Captain  
Winslow, impressed  
with its faultless  
workmanship, bought  
an option to purchase.



A FOUR YEAR WAIT—Whiskey stocks held in bond for the four years since repeal have now become of age, and famous bottled-in-bond brands will again be available in quantity in 1938, according to Tom W. Balfe, Sales Manager for the National Distillers Products Corporation.



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SKILLED MEN—Welding apprentice at work in American Rolling Mill Company's Middletown, Ohio, plant. With the cooperation of the International Correspondence Schools, Armco carries on an apprentice training program to train young men to become all-around, skilled journeymen in their respective trades.



BISHOP'S HAT INSPIRES  
LATEST FASHION—Gretchen Davidson displays the latest in headwear in a fashion show at New York's New Weston Hotel. The attractive chapeau is made from a Bishop's hat used in the current successful Broadway, religious drama, "Many Mansions," in which Miss Davidson has a role.

SOMERSAULTING ON  
SKI—It's probably not as  
simple as it looks, but A. R.  
Little, captain of Dart-  
mouth's ski team, makes it  
look quite easy as he hurtles  
through the air at the annual  
International Intercollegiate  
Ski Meet at Lac Beauport,  
Quebec, Canada.



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Hall Paxton, American  
Embassy attache in  
China, journeys to Wash-  
ington to present official  
reports on the Panay  
incident in which he also  
was injured.